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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1878.

Society.

Crocuses have been in full blast for a week. Hector Leroux, the celebrated French artist. A majority of the ladies who usually receive on Fridays did so yesterday. Mrs. Pickett's parlors were thronged all the afternoon, and the ladies of "Army Row" also had large receptions. Mrs. Kilbourn and her daughters likewise welcomed many visitors. The attractions for the evening were numerous. Judge and Mrs. Bradley we a large and enjoyable party in their spacious parlors, made memorable by the reign therein of Senator Douglas' beautiful wife. Mr. and Mrs. George Bancroft gave a most agreeable soiree, and General and Mrs. Blake and the Misses Wood gave a dancing party, which was greatly enjoyed until a late hour.

The gay winter seemed merging into the warm weather of spring. Windows were open, and the soft night air blended with the perfume of flowers which decorated the room and bouquets carried by the ladies. Fashion rules

in the arrangement of flowers as in dress, and all lovers of these charming luxuries are pleased to see that the stiffly-arranged bouquet with lace-edged paper is now called "old style. It destroys the effect of arrangement entirely A bouquet is one of the essentials for a ladies complete evening outfit. Miss Newton carried in her hand a small basket with two handles clasping the opening. One side of the basket was filled with half-blown pink roses and the other with pale straw-colored tea roses. The effect was charming. Mrs. Bloomer's bouquet was a mass of purple violets bordered with lilies of the valley. Another favorite bouquet is an immense cluster of deep-red roses with a few tea roses on one side. There is a greater number of handsome young ladies in Washington at present than ever before seen. Miss Brown, from Philadelphia, attracted much attention at Mrs. Blake's last evening. Miss Atkinson, the granddaughter of General Atkinson, of the old army, is a guest of General and Mrs. Alvord. The young lady is petite and beautiful. The Misses Wood and their guest, Miss Thomas, of Philadelphia, are among the belles of the season. They entertained charmingly

last evening. Mrs. Alexander Jeffrey and her daughter, Miss Rosa Johnson, were accom-panied by Miss Ward, of Newport, Ky., and another lovely girl. Governor Mathews of Virginia, was one of the agreeable guests present. Among those observed, were the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Key, Mr. Alexander Jeffrey, Governor Mathews, of West Virginia, Colonel and Mrs. Christmas, Miss Ellie Sher man, Miss Kilbourne, Miss Larner and her guest, Miss French, of Alexandria, Colonel Bacon, Colonel Tourtelotte, General and Mrs. Benet.General Hunter, Mrs. Stuari, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Hilgarnde, Admiral and Miss Sands, Mrs. S. V. Niles, Judge and Mrs. McArthur, To-day Mrs. Bloomer gives a lunch to Governor Mathews, of West Virginia, and to his

brother and wife. Mrs. Judge Potter, of New Hampshire, daughter of Gen. John McNeil, (of Lundy's Lane and Chippewa fame,) and niece of President Pierce, is passing a few days with her relative, Gen. Joseph Potter, at Soldiers' Home. Mrs. Potter was one of the ladies at the Executive Mansion during the time of Franklin

THE GREENBACKERS' IN CONVENTION. - The first regular convention of the greenback party of the United States met at Toledo, Ohio, yesterday. Twenty-eight states were represented, Pennsylvania alone sending 54 delegates, Illinois 30, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana being also largely represented. The permanent officers included Judge Francis W. Hughes, of Pa., and a large number of vice presidents, among whom were D. C. Wilmer, of Md. ; W. J. Durant, D. C. ; Thomas M. Ber nett, W. Va.: V. S. Stevens, Va.; and D. H. Pitman, Ga. Judge Hughes made a speech reviewing the national banking system, the problem of capital and labor, and in favor of protection. A platform was adopted setting forth the depressed condition of business and favoring the repeal of the resumption act, the remonetization of silver, the taxation of bonds, and the sole issue by the government of all paper and coin currency and corelative finan-cial propositions; also the establishment by both national and state governments of bureaus of labor and industrial statistics, and against the contract system of convict labor, the importation of Chinese cheap labor, e.c.

A GIRL'S SUFFERINGS FROM HYDROPHOBIA A girll, 14 years of age, daughter of Michael Hacket, of Robinson Patch, near Mahanoy City, Pa., was bitten three weeks ago by a bull terrier pup 8 months old, and is suffering from hydrophobia. Thursday afternoon she was attacked with three spasms in succession. The sight of water makes her furious, and she snaps her teeth like an enraged dog. While delirious she imagines she sees snakes, dogs, and toads. She cannot look at liquids of any kind, and the physician, Dr. Bissel, states that she is suffering from hydrophobia.

THE MINNETOTA BOOK FIEND BRIBERY CASE .- Mr. Brandt, member of the lower house of the Minnesota state legislature, having stated to the committee appointed to investigate the alleged cases of bribery that Liberty Hall, an agent of A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, had paid him \$50 as a bribe to vote for the bill repealing the Merrill textbook law, now before the legislature, a resotion has been offered in the house to bring Hall before the bar for contempt in bribing a

A POSTMASTER IN TROUBLE.-Mr. G. H. Bigelow, special U. S. mail agent, is investigating charges against Postmaster C. J. Patch, at Hyde Park, Vt. The charges are four in number, with several specifications under each charge. The third charge is the fraudulent sale of postage stamps, and the proof upon this charge is said to be overwhelming.

MR. SCHNEIDER'S HORSE.-In the 8th Disrict Court yesterday, before Justice Gedney, Louis Douglass, the proprietor of the riding academy at 42d street and 7th avenue, sued John Schneider for the use of a horse, and set up also as a claim that the horse had been damaged while in Mr. Schneider's keeping. "New, what was the condition of the horse when you got him, Mr. Scheider?" his attorney inquired. "Why, lawyer, ven I drove up to de door de poys all cry, 'Tie a knot in his tail, Schneider, or he will slip out and I loose him.' He vos awful thin."—[N. Y. Sun, 22d.

Poisoning Suspected.—One month since John Burton, of Liverpool, Onondaga county N. Y., died under circumstances which led friends to believe he had been poisoned. He had lived unhappily with his wife. Lately the family feud had grown so bitter that the woman privately avowed, "I'm going to get rid of Joe as soon as possible;" and, sure enough, the husband died a few days later, giving all the avidance of avenie poisonies. iving all the evidences of arsenic poisoning. The body was buried. Last week other evidence of poisoning came to light, when the coroner directed the body to be disinterred and the stomach subjected to chemical anal-

THE TREASURES DESTROYED AT MARSH-FIELD.—Among the treasures destroyed by the recent fire at Marshfield, Mass., were Healey's fine portrait of Daniel Webster; a marble bust of Pope Pius IX.; engraved likenesses of Melbourne, Wellington, Burke and ner English statesmen: a portrait of Queen Victoria; miniatures of the children of Mr. Webster, and a scaglio table presented to him by King Bomba. The house also contained a set of Sevres ware once owned by Louis Phillippe; a part of the "Rush silver," two-thirds of which was presented by the late Mr. Harvay to the Samarset alph and all the wedding vey to the Somerset club, and all the wedding presents of a granddaughter of Mr. Webster valued at \$10,000. On these there was no insurance; fortunately, however, the pictures and silver were insured for \$3,000. Mrs. Webster, after the fire, became the guest of Miss Adelaide Phillips, whose house is near the famous homestead which now lies in ashes.

RESCUE OF A PRISONER CHARGED WITH MURDER.—A special from Fort Worth, Texas, says: Doc Shockey, charged with the murder of a mail contractor at Lake Charles, La., was rescued yesterday from the officers having him in charge. The officers were taking him to Louisiana, and when 10 miles from Fort Worth they were met by a body of masked men, who commanded them to halt. Shot were exchanged, during which Sheriff Reid, of Calcasieu parish, La., and Mr. Eddleman, of Fort Worth, received slight flesh wounds. One of the attacking party was seriously wounded. While the shooting was going on Shockey was placed on a horse by his confederates, and the whole party escaped. Every effort will be made to capture them.

BEN WADE'S AILMENT is a low type of typhoid fever. He is very cheerful under his affliction, and it is related of him that recently AN AMERICAN SCHOONER SEIZED .- A letter he was given an elaborately-figured dressing-gown to wear. After he had been robed in the elegant garment he eyed himself from head to foot in a critical manner, and in connection with the Pope's death, which had been announced in the journals of that morning, he remarked, with a slight laugh, "Well, I swear! If they have got a vacancy in the Roman Catholic Church, I believe I'm ready now to

ART NOTES.

has recently completed and placed on exhibition in London a second picture illustrating the story of the Roman Vestal Virgin. Tuccia, which is greatly admired. Instead of showing the figure at the edge of the Tiber holding the sieve over her head, as in the original or first interpretation of the legend. owned by the Corcoran Gallery, this one represents the suspected virgin bearing the full sieve, which is to establish her purity, from the bank of the river to the Pontifex Maximus. The figure is said to be well modeled, and all the accessories are in fine keeping, as might be expected from the care and skill of the artist. While not exactly a duplicate of the beautiful picture belonging to the Gallery here, the new one yet appears to come sufficiently near it to raise the question of how far an artist may go in that direction without violating good faith toward the owner of a valuable work of art who has bought it with the implied if not expressed understanding that it shall not be reproduced by the artist, either in whole or in part, without the consent of the owner. Such semi-repetitions may not be wrong, in law or morals, but they nevertheless are apt to suggest a want of that high sense of propriety

which should always go hand in hand with art. - Not a little feeling is entertained in art circles at the manner in which the rule of Congress prohibiting the exhibition of private works of art in the Capitol building is violated or ignored by somebody assuming to have authority in the premises. In spite of this very proper provision, one large picture, the property of the artist who painted it, has been given a conspicuous place in the House side for more than two years past, yet when another artist of acknowledged ability and reputation several weeks ago asked for a similar opportunity to exhibit for a period of only thirty days an original painting illustrating an interesting episode in early American history, his request was quietly "laid on the table," and remains up to this time, so far as can be learned, without any action,—the other picture mean-time still holding its position. A proceeding which smacks so much of favoritism as this is alike unfair to artists and discreditable to those guilty of such discriminations. All applicants of equal or nearly equal merit ought to be put upon the same footing in regard to facilities for exhibiting their works, or, still better, the wholesome prohibitory rule should be rigidly enforced in all cases. A body like Congress can afford to be just, between man and man, even if if doesn't know much about

- Mr. Brown has about completed his portrait of President Hayes, upon which he has been engaged for some time past. It is full length, a little above life size, to allow for distance and elevation in proper hanging, and is regarded by all who have seen it, and especially by the personal friends of the President, as both a fine work of art and a remarkably It may be seen for a short time in Mr. Brown's studio, Vernon Row. - Mrs. Greatorex, who is well and favorably known to many Washingtonians, is selling out at private sale all her choice studio properties,

rare objects of art, etc., in New York, preparatory to her departure for Europe, where she expects to spend several years with her daughters, who will pursue their studies there. The Ladies' Art Association of New York have paid Mrs. Greatorex the compliment of applying the surplus receipts of their loan fund to founding a free scholarship in the Association, to be called the Greatorex Scholarship. Mrs. G. has been one of the earliest and most earnest workers in the cause of the Association, and well deserves this graceful tribute.

- Mrs. Sarah Harrison, of Philadelphia, has recently presented to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, six large and valuable paintings, which have for some time past hung on its walls as a part of its excellent loan collection, as follows: Charles W. Peale's Por-crait of Himself; Benjamin West's. "Christ Rejected;" Bougureau's "Orestes Pursued by the Furies;" Vanderlyn's "Ariadne;" Xanthus Smith's "Attack on Fort Fisher," and Wittkamp's "First Ray of Sunlight after an Arctic Winter." In recognition of this act, which she says is in compliance with the ex press wishes of her late husband, Mr. Joseph Harrison, Mrs. Harrison has been elected an honorary member of the Academy. She is the only lady who has ever received that distinc-

-In addition to the fine Braun autotypes now on exhibition there, Mr. Markriter's gal lery has a number of oil paintings recently added that are well worth inspecting. Among them are a couple of little bits by Weyl and Messer, which are both pleasing and excellent, and show marked progress toward greater strength and freer handling in each.

-A couple of new water color drawings by Ross Turner have recently been placed on the walls of the Art Club rooms, which, it will be remembered, are now open to the public. Mr. Turner is still in Munich, and is making good use of his opportunities, as the later productions from his pencil abundantly show.

-Charles Francois Daubigny, the celebrated French landscape painter, died in Paris day before yesterday, at the age of 61. Without injustice to any of his noble compeers, Daubigny may be said to have stood at the very front in that line of art; and especially in transferring to eanvas the serious, impressive and dignified aspects of nature was he without a rival. Visitors to the centennial exhibition may remember one of his large but simple landscapes which hung on the south wall of the small room in the northeast corner of Me morial Hall; and those who are able to recall it can realize how much art has lost in his

THE FOUR YEARS' WAR ON OUR FINANCES Editor Star: - 1 wish to say through your paper, to our agents in Washington, that the past four years war on our finances, has damaged the commercial interests and prosperity of this country, more than the four years civil war did, and it must be stopped, for the great west, and south, have had enough of it. Now, a word to the wise should be sufficient. Respectfully. Chicago, February 20th, 1878.

STORMS AND FLOODS.-The rain storm of yesterday was very extensive, in some places doing considerable damage. In New England rain has been falling since Thursday. In Meriden, Conn., yesterday, it fell in torrents. The flats along "Harbor Brook" in that place were submerged, and several principal streets were flooded. A large number of dwellings and underground ginnills were overflowed. At the Meriden Silver Plate Company's factories work is suspended on account of the flood. The factory of C. Rogers & Bros. is also flooded. The afternoon train from New Britain, Conn., was thrown from the track by a washout and the engine overturned, but no one was injured. At all points on the Hudson. in New York, rain storms prevailed, the streams were much swollen, and all ice-cutting was suspended. The river is now open from West Point to New York. At Elmira, N. Y., a heavy rain storm raged all day, and the lower part of the city was flooded. Dispatches from Sacramento, Cal., mention further damage by flood in that vicinity. The damage generally is estimated at \$15,000,000, but this is undoubt edly exaggerated. A dispatch from Port Hope, Ont., states that the greatest flood which ever visited that locality is in progress. Ice and water are coming down with terrific force, sweeping away bridges and everything before them. Several vessels went ashore on the New them. Several vessels went ashore on the New Jersey coast yesterday.

HUNTING FOR HITCHCOCK.—At present it is a difficult matter to learn what has become of Hitchcock. Whether he has sought the rural seclusion of one of his West Flushing domains or fled to Washington, as one rumor had it, has not yet been learned; but measures were yes-terday taken to hunt him up and, if possible, etch nim from his lair. Hitchcock's means, it is claimed, were adequate to meet all de-mands upon them. At all events he cleared sufficient money to compensate the poor creatures who for a week bore uncomplainingly the odium of a position need compelled many of them to assume. Had the enterprise been a flat failure Hithcock would have some pretext to shelter himself behind, but it is stated authoritatively that from \$3,200 to \$3,500 was received at the doors. The Woman's Protective Union have now the cause of the defrauded young women in hand .- [N. Y. Herald, 22d.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA.—The Russian papers state that the mission of Namyk Pasha to St. Petersburg to solicit more favorable terms would be useless, as the Grand Duke Nicholas has full powers, and the journey would only delay the negotiations without altering th terms. A despatch from Constantinople the Czar threatens to occupy that city in consequence of the delay in signing the terms of peace, but another despatch declares these reports to be false. The Turks yesterday drove the Greek insurgents out of Platanos and burned part of the town. The insurgents were reinforced and recaptured the place. Telegrams to The Star.

THE GREENBACK CONVENTION.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

MURDER BY BANK ROBBERS.

greenback party into the democratic fold. He declared that his life was pledged to carry on filiations

Resolved. That as we believe in the supremagreed to.

A Letter from General Butler. Mr. Durant, from the District of Columbia, read a dispatch from Hon. B. F. Butler, which was withheld from the press, but which urged the convention to denounce the modification of the silver bili insisted on by the gold men, and to pass anti-resumption resolutions. A resolution was offered and unanimously adopted denouncing the silver bill just passed in Congress as a delusion, and indignantly condemning it as a financia

Fleet. draws her demand for their cession.

THE TREATY OF PEACE ABOUT TO BE SIGNED. the point of being signed.

BERS. Brutal Treatment of a Faithful M. ticial. DEXTER, ME., Feb. 23.-Last evening J. W. Barron, treasurer of the Dexter Savings bank. not returning home as usual, search was made for him at the bank. When the doors of the

savings bank rooms had been broken open Barron's groans could be heard in the vault in which he was locked, and when entrance was obtained to the vault he was found lying on the floor handcuffed, gagged and a rope about his neck. He was taken out in a senseless condition and died at 5:30 o'clock this morning. He had several severe wounds on the head. The robbers obtained less than \$100, and probably they murdered the treasurer because he refused to open the safe. It is thought that the robbers did their work between the hours of 5 and 6 last evening. The

Another Shocking Murder. PITTSFIELD, Feb. 23.—The mangled remains of Wm. Silvernail, formerly superintendent of the ore beds at West Stockbridge, were found on the track of the Boston and Albany railroad, about one mile east of the state line station, yesterday forenoon, and it is believed he was murdered and afterwards thrown on the track by his assassin. The body had been shockingly mutilated.

changes: Loans, increase, \$799,200: specie, deincrease, \$25,700; reserve, decrease, \$1,190,450.

QEENSTOWN, Feb. 23.-The steamer Hibernian, Captain Archer, which left Liverpool January 21st for Halifax and Baltimore, but broke her shaft on the 8th of February and pu back under sail, was towed into this harbor

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.-Prof. Albert Smith died at Peterson, N. H., yesterday morning. He was among the foremost of medical instructors in this country, and was connected with Dartmouth College at the time of his

THE KING OF THE LOBBY IN RETIREMENT. Sam. Ward, long since crowned "King of the Lobby," has abdicated, and a unique figure

A Mexican in San Pedro, Texas, killed his wife with a hatchet because she would not

TWO CENTS.

Brick Pomeroy and Ben Butler.

The Conditions of Peace.

THE GREENBACK CONVENTION. Brick Pomeroy Explains and Reso-

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 23.—In the closing proceedings of the greenback convention yesterday Mr. M. M. Pomeroy offered the following, and in explaining it vindicated himself from the charge that he was engaged in leading the this great greenback work, and that he was forever separated from his old democratic af-

acy of law over and above all perishable material, and in the necessity of a party of united people that will rise above old party lines and prejudices, we will not affiliate in any degree with any of the old parties, but in all cases and localities will organize a new party: as united greenback men nominate for office and official position only such persons as are clearly believers in and identified with this, our sacred cause, and irrespective of creed, color, place of birth, or past condition of political or other servitude, vote only for men who entire-ity abandon old party lines and organizations. During the discussion it was charged that the industrial party had been studiously neglected in the resolutions and discussions, and that the greenback idea had almost excluded the working classes from any part in the convention. Such action was disclaimed by sev eral delegates, and Mr. Pomeroy, to remove any such impression, modified his resolution by inserting the word "national" for "greenback." The resolution was then unanimously

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION. Russia's Stipulations to the Turkish

London, Feb. 23.-Reuter's telegram company have the following dispatch: "Constantmople, Feb. 23.—The draft of the peace conditions contained a stipulation that the six principal Turkish iron-clads should be ceded to Russia on the ground that otherwise the Porte might sell them to England. The Sultan objected to the stipulation He stated that he would prefer to destroy the vessels, and promised not to transfer them to any foreign power. The incident terminated by the Sultan undertaking not to sell the iron-clads to England, in consideration of which Russia with-It is understood that a treaty of peace is on

It is probable that the Russian Grand Duke Nicholos will visit the Sultan here. HORRID MURDER BY BANK ROB.

New York Bank Statement. New York, Feb. 23.—The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows the following crease, \$632,200; legal tenders, decrease, \$567,-660; deposits, decrease, \$1,237,400; circulation,

An Ocean Steamer Disabled.

Death of a Distinguished Physician.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, February 23.—Virginia sixes, deferred, 44; do. consolidated, 55 %; do. second series, 39; North Caroina sixes, old, 16; do. new, series, 39; North Caroina sixes, old, 16; do. new, 8 bid to-day. Sugar steady and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, February 23.—Cotton a shade weaker—middling, 10%. Flour firm and active, with upward tendency. Wheat firmer—southern red, 1.20a1.30; Pennsylvania red, 1.30a1.31; No. 2 western winter red, spot, 1.32%; March, 1.33%. Corn, southern steady; western strong—southern white, 53; do. yellow, 53%; western mixed, spot, 55%; February, 55%; March, 55%25%. Oats steady—southern, 33a35; western white, 34a35; Pennsylvania, 33a35. Rye quiet, 60a62. Hay steady—prime Pennsylvania and Maryland, 14.00 a15.00. Provisions very dull and unchanged. Butter, firm and active for fine grades—prime western roll, 20a22; do. packed, 21a23. Petroleum dull and nominal—refined, 12. Coffee quiet—Rio cargoes, 14%a17%. Whisky dull, 107a107%, Receipts—flour, 4.000; wheat, 17.000; corn, 109.000; oats, 2,400. Shipments—wheat, 52.600; corn, 121,000. NEW YORK, February 23.-Stocks weak. Money, 5, Gold, 102a102½. Exchange, long, 482½; short, 484½. Governments weak and lower. NEW YORK. February 23.—Flour steady. Wheat 1 and 1½ cent better. Corn dull and scarcely so firm.

LONDON, February 23, 12:30 p. m.—Consols. LONDON, February 23, 12:30 p. m.—Consols, 95 5 16 for both money and the account. U. 8, four-and-a-half per cent. bonds, 102½; 1867's, 106½; ten-forties, coupon, 105¼, new fives, 104½, Illinois Central, 74¾, New Jersey Central, 17. The rate of discount for three months bills in the open market is 1½ per cent., which is ½ per cent. below the Bank of England rate.

thus drops out of public life at the capital. The "third house" never boasted a more remarkable member—what with his winning personal manners, his wide acquaintance, and his incompariable qualities as a dinner giver. But he has met his fate, and fallen in love with a California millionaire, who returns his affection in the proper fashion for a millionaire. Sam. Ward and Jim Keene met in a New York hotel last 4th of July, acquaintance ripened into intimacy while the Washington monarch nursed the 'Friscan through his sickness, and gratitude has taken a substantial form which religious the old vectors from tial form which relieves the old veteran from all anxiety as to the future. The ex-king is said to sometimes think in his retirement of writing the history of his reign, and uncommonly interesting annals they would be.—[Springfield Republican.

BAPTIZED IN A HOLE IN THE ICE.—The pastor of the Advent church, Sandy Hill, yesterday morning conducted baptismal services at the river, when a hole was made in the ice and the converts immersed. This ceremony has been repeated for the past three Sundays. [Troy Times.

get out of bed first in the morning and make the fire.

LOCAL NEWS.

District Government Affairs. A meeting of ex-contractors and creditors of the District, was held at the office of Mr. Wm. Dickson, on 41/2 street, yesterday, to discuss the chances of the payment of their claims of various kinds, mostly in the nature of Auditor's certificates, and pending accounts in that office. A committee consisting of Mr. Robert Christy and Mr. Wm. Dickson were appointed to draw up a bill to present to Congress for

their relief. A PETITION has been sent to the District Commissioners by property holders on the line of James creek canal asking that the several bridges crossing that canal be constructed with draws so as to admit of sailing vessels and boats through them and prevent obstructions of commerce and trade. Very good reasons are given in the petition. A QUESTION OF BOUNDARY.

Some question having arisen between the officials of the Washington almshouse and District jail in relation to the boundary line between those institutions, growing out of trespass of hve stock kept by both parties, Intendant E. F. M. Faehtz, by request of Com-missioner Caswell, addressed a note to Secretary Schurz, of the Interior department, requesting information as to the southern boundary line of the U.S. jail property. The Sec-retary, in reply, states "that the records of the board of commissioners of the new jail, on file in his department, show that this line commences at a point on 19th street east 600 feet south from B street south, and extends due east to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac. Col. Fachtz in a communication to Commis-sioner Caswell this morning states that this cuts off the entire premises on which the small pox hospital is erected and a portion of the potters field," the burial place assigned to the alms house for the burnal of the dead poor. the average yearly number of which is about 200 persons. He states further that this dis covery will necessitate, if not a removal of the present burial site, the assignment of another location for future burials; also that the absolute disconnection of the small pox hospital from the property and jurisdiction of the asylum, with a proper quarantine line around it, will certainly require immediate attention, though the total absence of patients does not seem to create any immediate cause for haste.

A DISTRICT CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT. Yesterday in the Supreme Court of the United States, the case of McPherson vs. Cox.—appeal from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia-was argued. This was a proceed ing brought to remove this appellant as trustee of certain property in this city, Mrs. Cox being the beneficiary, on the ground that he had, as alleged, twice instructed the parties making the bond not to pay her the interest due unless she paid certain demands of his which she regarded as exorbitant, and for others reasons set out. The decision was in favor of the appellee, and it is here submitted on behalf of the appellant that the conduct of the trustee is vindicated by the evidence, and that the decree below should be reversed as being unjust. The claim of the appellant, it is said, is established, and the bill should be dismissed unless the appellee shall perform her promise to pay. Messrs. Phillips, Maury, and Phillips & Appleby, for appellant; and Pike, Johnson & Pike, for appellee.

THE CONVENTION OF MEXICAN VETERANS was held in Baltimore yesterday. The Maryland association at Camden Station received and welcomed the Washington delegation, which numbered about two hundred men. The report of the secretary shows a membership of nearly 5,000. The first resolution was present. ed by Gen. Tidball. It provided for the raising of a "monumental fund" for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the Mexican Veterans in Washington, D. C., and was adopted, as were other resolutions, one of which requests the President of the United States to issue an order directing the various departments of the federal government to give such employment to the members of the ciation as they are qualified for; and another relative to the perpetuity of the organization of Mexican veterans. A committee of one from each state was appointed to visit Washington and urge the passage of the pension bill now pending.

A Cashier's Mistake.—Suit by the Publish ers of the Washington Post on a False Arrest. The suit of John M. McGuffin against the Adams Express Company was before Judge Sanford, in Superior Court, Special Term, yes terday, upon a motion by plaintiff for an order to examine Mr. Dinsmore, president, and two officers of the company as parties before trial. It appears from the complaint that in No. vember last a number of prominent politicians were about to start a newspaper in Washington called the *Post*. Mr. Stillson Hutchings, of St. Louis, was to be managing editor, and Mr. McGuffin was to be publisher. In the course of the business Mr. McGuffin came to New York and recovered from persons bear at 10 are York, and received from persons here \$10,000 in ten \$1.000 United States notes. He took this money to the office of Adams Express Company, and as he desired to retain \$200 asked the cashier of the company to change one of the bills. This was done, and \$9,800 was sent to Washington. The delivery of the package at Washington was stopped, and McGuffin, on going to the office of the company here to make inquiry about the matter, was arrested by Mr. Bornum, the cashier, and one of Pinkerton's detectives, it being charged that the \$1,000 bill given to the company by him was counterfeit The next day the charge was withdrawn, it having been ascertained that the bill was genuine. McGuffin thereupon brought two suits against the company, one for false imprison ment and the other for malicious prosecution demanding \$10,000 in each. The defense is that these facts of which McGuffin complains were not authorized by the company. The application yesterday was opposed on the grounds that the express company being a joint stock concern and not a corporation its officers could not be examined as parties. Decision was reserved.-New York World, 22.

THE RIGHT SORT OF MAN FOR CONGRESS .-The republicans are already looking about for a candidate for Congress next fall, and the friends of Col. Wm. H. Lowdermilk are taking steps towards urging his nomination, believing him to be the strongest candidate they can have from Allegany county. There is no doubt of Col. Lowdermilk's popularity among the republicans in the county, and especially in the mining regions, where he has hosts of warm and influential friends. His administra tion of the affairs of the post office during the past nine years was so liberal and efficient that he merited and received the commendation of men of every shade of politics, because of the improvements made through his efforts.-[Cumberland (Md.) Alleganian.

A COLORED SCOUNDREL HUNG YESTERDAY. A special dispatch from Richmond yesterday says: "The notorious rape fiend, Lewis Hill, alias Henry Williams, was executed at Isle-of-Wight C. H. to-day at half-past one o'clock. He was perfectly composed and reconciled to his fate. He confessed his guilt in this case and many others. His neck was broken by the fall. His last words were, 'Take warning at this. Farewell: I am gone.' A small crowd was present. The colored sentiment was opposed to the hanging, but no indignation was expressed. Hill committed a rape upon Miss Maggie Stevens, a beautiful young lady living near Carrsville, Isle-of-Wight county, Va. Miss Stevens was on her way to a neighbor's house on the 13th of last September, when she was met in the public highway by the villain, who at once accosted her and made an infa mous proposal to her. The young lady screamed and started to run, when he caught her, and despite her brave and desperate resistance. accomplished his infamous purpose. After threatening his victim with death if she made the affair public, he fied. The young lady at once went to the nearest house and told ner story. The neighbors started in search of the ravisher, but he was not caught until the next

SUSPENDED STUDENTS-Fifty of Those Con cerned in the Princeton Disturbances Sent Home.-A special dispatch from Princeton, February 21, says: This morning the members of the sophomore class were one by one called before the college faculty. "Did you go to the depot yesterday morning?" was asked. the depot yesterday morning?" was asked.
"Yes, sir," was the answer. "Did you take
part in the effort to take the freshmen out of
the depot?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Did
you stone the train as it was moving off."
"Yes, sir," was again responded. "You are
suspended; you must go right home," was the
immediate verdict, and the offending sophemore went to his room, packed his trunk and
was off in the next train. Thirty sophomores
were suspended and eight were dismissed.
Two freshmen were also given their walking. Two freshmen were also given their walking papers. Added to the ten freshmen sent away yesterday, this makes fifty members of the college who have gone home. Prosecuting Attorney Beasley called upon President McCosh and demanded of him the names of the stu-dents concerned in the disturbances. The president refused to give them, saying that the college stood toward the students in the attitude of a parent. The college had already punished fifty students, and it would come of ill grace to turn them over to the authorities. The attorney threatened to take the president before the court them. before the court and compel him to divulge the names, but Mr. McCosh replied that the wouldn't tell before a court or anywhere else. The attorney appealed to the president of the village, but that functionary refused to take action. It is thought that the prompt action of the faculty has broken up the insurrection. THE RACES on the Washington course, at

Charleston, S. C., yesterday, resulted as follows: Half-mile dash, for gentleman riders, won by the mare Gertrude, ridden by Dr. Meyers; half-mile dash, won by Annie G., after a very close race with Red Slipper. No time taken.

Louis, has been suspended pending the investigation of a deficit in his accounts of W. W. Callender, aged eighteen, has been arrested for the murder of his father, Philip Callender, at Hunlack's creek, near Wilkesbarre, Pa. He denies the charge.

A Is the AND CATARRH DEMONSEOT'S HYGIENIC WIGH.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.-Rev. ALEX. KENT will preach in Tallmadge Hall, To-morrow at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45 NOTICE -Dr. JOHN LORD, who is de-livering the course of Lectures at Linco n Hall, will preach in Dr. Sunderland's Church To-

TWELFTH STREET S. E. M. E. CHURCH, Rev. H. NICE, pastor. Messionary anniversary To-morrow Morning and Night, Hon. H. PRICE, M. C.; Col. DAVIS, WM. H. WOODWARD, Esq.; Revs. Conser and Mytinger, will make short addresses. FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

-Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, pastor. Henry
Moorhouse, the Bible Reader, will hold services

To-morrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Also on Monday and Tuesday at the same hours. The public is invited to attend these services. CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER-REFORMED EPISCOPAL, Kindergarten Hall,
s. e. corner of 8th and K sts. n.w.—Preaching
on the Sabbath by the Pastor, Rev. EDWARD
WILSON at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Seats free. All
cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Vermont ave., between N and O sts.—Rev. John S. SWEENEY, will preach To-night at 7:30 p.m., To-morrow at 11 a.m. Subject: "The Resurrection 2: Rapidem at 7:30 p.m., tion." Baptism after bunday evening service. ALL SOULS CHURCH, Rev. CLAY MACCAULEY, pastor, Services at 11 o'clock a. m. Subject: "Future Endless Punishment." a. m. Subject: "Future Endless Punishment." Vesper services. 7:30 p. m. At the evening services the seats are free. The public cordially in-A. F. MASON WILL PROBE IN THE PROBE

A. F. MASON will preach in the morning. Subject: "Posthumous Influence." In the even-ing Col. MEACHAM, survivor of the Lava-bed Massacre, will deliver an address on the American NORTH CAPITOL M. E. CHURCH, corner K and North Capitol sts.—Last Saobath of the conference year. Sabbath School 9:30 and afternoon. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Chas. T. Weede, morning and evening. Seats

free. Public generally invited on this interesting REV. THOMAS HARRISON, the young "Evangelist." will hold revival services in RYLAND M. E. CHURCH, on this SATURDAY, 23d inst., at 7.30 p. m.; and also SABBATH MORNING, at about 10:30 a, m.. but will not be present at night. The pastor will conduct his last service at 7:30 p. m. service at 7:30 p.m. MT. VERNON PLACE M.E. CHURCH, MT. VERNON PLACE M.E. CHURCH,
SOUTH, corner 9th and K sts. n.w.—
Preaching To-motrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a.
m. and 7:30 p.m by the pastor, Rev. W. P. HARRISON, D.D., (Chaplain House of Representatives.) Subject, morning: "Christ's Mod-i
Christian Making Friends of the Unrighteous
Mammon." Public cordially invited. 1.* FOUNDRY CHURCH. - Forty-fifth an-

niversary of the Congressional Temperance Society, To-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock. Sen-ator FERRY will preside. Brief addresses from several gentlemen.
11* J. W. CHICKERING, Secretary. REV. W. S. RAINSFORD, of the Caurch of England, will begin a mission at Trinity ch, corner Third and C streets, on next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock. Services Sunday evening, and twice a day during the week. feb22-2t CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, G st.

PARET, D.D., rector, at the Sunday Evening serat 7:30 p. m. The seats are always free. feb16-stap1 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 16th and H sts. Special Lenten Services, with Sermon, on Sunday Evenings, beginning Septua Gesima, Feb. 17, and closing Easter Day, April 21. Congregational music. All seats free. Strangers, sojourners and the poor particularly invited. Service at 7½ 6 clock. THE GERMAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS
BANK, No. 639 F of BANK, No. 632 F st., corner of 7th n.w., open daily from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. On Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 p. m., to receive deposits only.

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In view of the likelihood of the passage of an act of Congress providing for the audit of claims against the District government, the undersigned will undertake the prosecution of such as may be entrusted to him.

A familiarity with such matters

A familiarity with such matters, acquired by long experience, leads him to believe, that his services may be beneficial to persons disposed to place their interests in his hands. An early presentation of claims will, of course, nsure speedier attention thereto. RICHARD WALLACH,

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THE EVENING STAR.

Washington News and Gossip. GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.-Internal revenue, \$565,831.55; customs, \$490,203.36.

To-day's Subscriptions to the four per cent. loan amounted to \$40,000; making a total to date of \$3,202,750.

THE TREASURY now holds \$346,629,050 in U. S. bonds to secure National Bank circulation, and \$13,493,000 to secure public deposits. U. S. bonds deposited for circulation week ending to-day, \$656,500. Bonds held for circula-lation withdrawn week ending to-day, \$265,000. National Bank circulation outstanding—currency notes, \$320,595,780; gold notes, \$1,432,129.

COLLECTOR M. M. BUMBULL, of Dabuque fowa, has tendered his resignation. James E. Simpson is strongly urged by the delegation for appointment. He is an old internal reve nue officer, and is recommended by Commis

RECRUITS FOR THE WEST .- The superintendent general recruiting service will cause two hundred and forty two recruits to be prepared and forwarded, under proper charge, to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where they will, upon arrival, be reported to the commanding general, department of Dakota, for assignment to the 7th cavalry. THE WRECKS ON THE COAST OF NEW JERsey.—The signal service station at Sandy Hook

reports to chief signal at 11:40 p. m. of the 22d instant, as follows: Private Chapman reports from Shark river, N.J., that the Clements and her cargo of oysters is a total loss, excepting sails: the Bradley will go to pieces with probable total loss of cargo; the McDonald is breaking up, cargo floating ashore. Some of it will be saved. The crew of the first two schooners got ashore by their own efforts; the crew of the McDonald were assisted ashore by life saving crew station No. 9, as before reported. There is a rumor of another wreck below Squan, and Chapman has gone to see about it.

INTELLIGENCE by steamer Sierra Leone and cable from Madeira, advise of the arrival at Monrovia of the bark Liberia from New York. January 2d, with emigrants sent by the American Colonization Society. TRADE DOLLARS .- The Secretary of the Treasury has issued instructions for discon-

tinuing the receipt at the San Francisco and Carson mints of deposits for returns in trade dollars, and that deposits heretofore made be settled for coin on satisfactory evidence being furnished that the same will be exported, or if preferred by depositors they may receive their silver back in fine mint bars. CHARGES AGAINST A POST OFFICE DEPART-MENT FUNCTIONARY.—The House committee on post offices has begun the investigation of very serious charges against Mr. F. C. Cheney, the chief of the railway mail service in New England, which have been presented to that committee. Misconduct of various kinds is

alleged on his part. He is accused of neglecting his work for New Hampshire politics and

the care of his farm in that state, and also of

paying employees when no services had been

rendered to the government. A number of witnesses will be summoned from Boston, including ex-Postmaster Burt, Mr. David A. Holmes, of the Boston post office, and others. PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE INDIAN BU-REAU.-Secretary Schurz and Assistant Attorney General Marble were before the House committee on Indian affairs yesterday giving their views in reference to the proposed transfer of the Indian bureau to the War department. The Secretary expressed a desire to have the question definitely settled as soon as possible, in order that the necessary estimates of the appropriations for that department during the next fiscal year may not be inter-fered with. He also proposed the enactment of a bill appropriating \$250,000 to be expended

in pacifying the Sioux and other hostile Indian DON'T WANT TO WORK TEN HOURS.-The employes of the League Island navy yard yesterday afternoon held a meeting and protested against the order of the Secretary of the Navy compelling them after March 15th to work ten hours a day instead of eight, as at present Jacob Davis was chosen to come to Washing ton to urge upon the Secretary of the Navy and Congress the advisability of continuing eight hours a day's work in the navy yards. William Streelon, the delegate to Washington from the Brooklyn navy yard, addressed the meeting, which was an enthusiastic one.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION .- The three naval vessels ordered to the Paris exposition, to carry over the exhibits of this country, having been found insufficient, the Secretary of the Navy has placed at the disposal of Gov. Mc-Cormick the sailing vessel Portsmouth, which is now at the navy yard here, having recently returned from San Francisco around the Horn. She will be ordered to the Brooklyn navy yard early next week, where she will be loaded with the goods that the Supply and Constitution were unable to carry. The goods left by the Constitution at Philadelphia will be shipped to Brooklyn, and the whole cargo taken aboard there. She is expected to be ready to sail for Havre between the fifth and tenth of March. The Wyoming will, as intended, carry over only the agricultural and art exhibits. The annex which is being built on the ground originally allotted to this country, will be paid for out of the Congressional

appropriation. The annex wtll be for the purpose of exhibiting our agricultural products and implements. The Supply and Constitution will sail for Havre on Monday or Tuesday. COLONEL A. F. ROCKWELL, depot quartermaster in this city, was before the House mili-

tary committee to-day, and gave testimony with reference to the matter of commutation of forage and quarters for officers of the army. NEW P. O. RULES.-The P. O. department will prevent the use of rubber canceling stamps by strictly enforcing a regulation which provides that black printing ink shall be used for the purpose of cancelation whenever that material can be obtained. Other colors of the

same quality of ink are, however, permissible. An order calling attention to the above regulation will be published in the next official pos-THE INVESTIGATION OF THE HOUSE DOOR-KEEPER.-The Committee on Reform in the Civil-Service met to-day and examined a number of witnesses concerning their employment under Doorkeeper Polk. Senators Lamar and Gordon made a statement with reference to the employment of Mr. Payne in the docu-ment-room. They both stated that all they

had to do with the matter of Paine's appoint. ment was to personally commend him to Doorkeeper Polk. SUBSTITUTE FOR A MURDERER.—Chief of police Breen, of Virginia City, Nevada, has been arrested, charged with having liberated a Chinaman in his custody on a charge of murder, and put a paid Chinese substitute in place of the prisoner. The substitute was discovered. of the prisoner. The substitute was discovered by a relative of the man murdered by the prisoner, the latter having been fully identi-fied by the same man at the time of the ar-

EX-SENATOR WADE'S CRITICAL CONDITION. Ex-Senator B. F. Wade, of Ohio, has now been

in bed twenty-three days, and has most of that

time been a very sick man. He has had a low. consuming fever all the while, his appetite

has been very poor, and he has wasted away to a wonderful extent. Latest dispatches state that his condition is really unchanged,

except that he is weaker and more discour-

rest.

aged. The doctor now admits that the case looks very doubtful, and he considers recoverv uncertain. THE DOMINION WANTS TO BUY ALASKA .-In the house of commons of the dominion, dur-ing a debate about the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska, Mr. Banster-expressed a high opinion of Alaska and expressed a wish that the motion under discussion was for an appropriation to buy Alaska. He said the climate was more genial than Ottawa.

the American schooner Sunbeam, Capt. Kain, at Port Limon, and compelled the captain to put to sea with them. The outrage was committed by the defeated revolutionists, whose doings at Greytown and elsewhere have al-ready been published. In Boston a bold thief stole a letter carrier's key and uniform and went over the usual route, emptying all the boxes.